

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday May 21st 2006**

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## **AREN News**

The AREN Spring training program concluded with a field exercise on the evening of the 4th of May. The exercise was based on a Major emergency plan activation on the Cork-Waterford border near the town of Youghal.

Nine Aren members from counties Cork, Waterford, Tipperary and Limerick took an active part in the exercise with a number of others remaining on standby.

Messages were passed for third parties to destinations as far west as Cork city and as far east as Waterford. This was achieved through simplex relays as repeaters and phones were assumed to be inoperable for the exercise. The event was a great opportunity for members to put the training material into practice and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Munster AREN coordinator Conor O'Neill would like to thank all those who took part in the spring training and remind members to keep their kit in a state of readiness as we face into the Summer.

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## **Tory Island Activation**

Sean EI4GK and Joe EI7GY were on Tory Island, County Donegal, during the week, investigating possible sites for this year's IOTA contest. While there, they put Tory Island EU-121 on the air, and were in great demand, mainly on 20 metres and 40 metres, SSB and CW. Tory Island is also a rare Worked All Island square Bravo-84-Donegal. Sean, Joe and friends expect to be back on Tory in July for the IOTA contest.

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## **Shannon Basin Radio Club**

The Shannon Basin Radio Club meetings are held in the Royal Hotel Roscommon on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 8.30 p.m.

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## **Limerick Radio Club**

Members of the Limerick Radio Club are QRV as EI60LRC until the end of the year

to mark 60 years of the club. Activity is on 80 to 10 metres. QSL is via EI8EM.

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### **South Dublin Radio**

South Dublin Radio Club are carrying out Theory classes every Tuesday between 8.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. in the Marian Community Centre, Marian Road, Tempelogue. It is planned to run the classes on an ongoing basis with an informal structure and anyone interested in radio are welcome to drop in at any time.

For information contact Michael EI2GKB or Paul EI2GSB.

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### **Mayo Radio Experimenters Network**

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network have commenced theory classes in Stensons of Ballyvary on the N5 on Saturday mornings. For information, contact Terry Ebdon, EI5IW on 087 130 8560 as soon as possible.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Club**

The next general meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Wednesday the 31st of May at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

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### **Radio Theory Examination**

The next Radio Theory Examination has now been scheduled for Wednesday the 28th of June 2006. It will take place in the ComReg offices at Abbey Court, Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1 commencing at 2 p.m.

Candidates wishing to sit this examination should apply to Sean Nolan EI7CD, 12 Little Meadow, Pottery Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin as soon as possible. The closing date for applications is the 16th of June.

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### **SWL News**

The 7th annual Night of Nights will take place in the USA on the 12th of July. This is

when KPH, KSM and other coastal maritime stations and ships return to the air to commemorate the last day of commercial Morse Code in the US. These stations operate in the MF band and should provide good listening opportunities.

The World Radio TV Handbook, WRTH has published it's summer schedule for free on their web site. The schedule is in PDF format and contains broadcast schedules from international broadcasters and includes longwave, mediumwave and shortwave listings. The file is in the same format as the WRTH book. Visit [www.wrth.com](http://www.wrth.com) and follow the instructions to download the file which is approximately 450 kilobites in size.

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